

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 14185 251603Z

47

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 ACDA-07 IO-13 (ISO) W

----- 120560

O R 251551Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1314

AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

INFO USMISSION USBERLIN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14185

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PGOV WB GW GE US UK FR UR

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON BONN GROUP CONSIDERATION OF
ALLIED PROTEST

REFS: (A) BONN 14170; (B) STATE 210504

1. THE SUDDEN IMMOBILITY FROM THE FRENCH SIDE WHICH
PRODUCES FURTHER DELAY IN PREPARING AN ALLIED
PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS OVER THE AUGUST 13 TRAFFIC
INCIDENTS IS UNDERSTANDABLY CAUSING GREAT
CONCERN TO THE GERMANS. LUECKING OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE
TELLS US THE FRG BELIEVES THAT, IF THERE IS NO FRENCH
GOVERNMENT, THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE AT THE
OFFICIAL LEVEL WHO COULD MAKE A DECISION. IF THIS IS
NOT POSSIBLE, LUECKING SAID THE PRELIMINARY FRG VIEW
IS THAT THE THREE ALLIED EMBASSIES SHOULD ISSUE A
PRESS STATEMENT TODAY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
COMPLICATIONS IN PARIS HAVE SLOWED DOWN ALLIED
CONSIDERATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION ISSUE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 14185 251603Z

2. BACKGROUND FOR LUECKING'S BELIEF IS COVERAGE IN SOME

OF THE AUGUST 24 MORNING PAPERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ALLIES ARE PREPARING TO DELIVER A PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS. THE HEADLINE IN "GENERAL-ANZEIGER," WHILE NOT BORNE OUT BY THE ARTICLE ITSELF, STATES THAT THE WESTERN POWERS WILL PROTEST "IN MOSCOW," AND THE STORY ON WESTERN INTENTIONS IS ATTRIBUTED TO "ALLIED CIRCLES IN BONN."

3. EMBOFF WITH WHOM LUECKING SPOKE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT EVEN A PRESS STATEMENT COULD BE AGREED TODAY WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM PARIS. (COMMENT: FOR THAT MATTER, EMBASSY HAS DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF SUCH A STATEMENT, EVEN THOUGH PRESS INTEREST IS HIGH. WE HAVE RECEIVED 20-30 INQUIRIES FROM THE PRESS IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS OVER STATUS OF ALLIED CONSULTATIONS. IF THERE IS NO MOVEMENT BY TOMORROW, PRESSURES FOR SOME SORT OF STATEMENT MAY GROW.)

4. LUECKING'S MAIN CONCERNS, WE THINK, STEM FROM GENSCHER'S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN TOMORROW AND GENSCHER'S FEELING THAT HE MUST HAVE ALLIED BACKING TO TAKE FALIN TO TASK FOR THE TRANSIT OBSTRUCTION. LUECKING TOLD EMBOFF THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME A GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD DISCUSSED TRANSIT MATTERS WITH THE SOVIETS, BUT THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES GENSCHER COULD NOT FAIL TO DO SO.

5. WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO ASSESS THE DECISION-MAKING MECHANISM IN PARIS AT THIS POINT. IF THERE IS IN FACT NO GOVERNMENT, AND IF THE EARLIER FRENCH POSITION WAS TAKEN BY SAUVAGNARGUES, CAN IT NOT BE REVERSED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE NEXT FOREIGN MINISTER? COMMENTS FROM EMBASSY PARIS WHICH WOULD HELP US JUDGE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.
CASH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ALLIANCE, BERLIN ACCESS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS, TRAVEL CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BONN14185
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760324-1106
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760823/aaaaaszq.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 BONN 14170, 76 STATE 210504
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 APR 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <10 AUG 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STATUS REPORT ON BONN GROUP CONSIDERATION OF ALLIED PROTEST
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, WB, GE, GC, US, UK, FR, UR
To: STATE PARIS
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006